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WoolProducers AGM – New Director Welcomed

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WoolProducers Australia held their AGM on 14 November in Canberra, where Mrs Stacey Lugsdin was announced as a new Independent Director.

President Ed Storey announced that incumbent directors Mr Steve Harrison and Mr John Hassell have been returned to the board, with the addition of Mrs Stacey Lugsdin, who replaces Mr Jamie Rowe who decided not to recontest.

“WoolProducers is happy to have a new face around the table and look forward to having robust input from Mrs Lugsdin to our Board,” Mr Storey said today.

Ms Lugsdin is a passionate woolgrower from Hay, who has completed both the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course and the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

“We’re also pleased to welcome back experienced directors, Mr Harrison and Mr Hassell, who both bring a depth of knowledge of a range of issues affecting the Australian wool industry”.

“WoolProducers would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Mr Rowe during his two-year tenure and we wish him and his family well in their future endeavours”. Mr Storey said.

WoolProducers also farewelled two longstanding directors, Mr Andrew Johnston from Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association and Mr James Kirkpatrick from the Victorian Farmers Federation, who had both reached their maximum director tenure.

‘We will miss both Andrew and James, their dedication and constructive input into WoolProducers over the past six years.’

Ed Storey and Steve Harrison were returned unopposed as President and Vice-President respectively.

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About WoolProducers’ Australia

WPA plays a critical role in working closely with companies and entities funded by woolgrower funds including compulsory levies or fees for service.

Its mission is to develop constructive and profitable outcomes for woolgrowers nationally.

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The agency is responsible for appointing a director to each of the Australian Wool Exchange and the Australia Wool Testing Authority, promoting good corporate governance and ensuring that the interests of growers are met.

WPA maintains a working relationship with Australian Wool Innovation as the voice of woolgrower shareholders. It aims to contribute to AWI's programs for the benefit of growers, promoting responsible use of levy funds and ensuring good corporate governance.

WPA is the sole wool industry member of Animal Health Australia, and as such, carries a significant responsibility for decision making on behalf of the industry in the event of an emergency animal disease outbreak.

As the only wool grower organisation with membership of the National Farmers' Federation, WoolProducers is responsible for providing key policy advice on behalf of our members, and other wool growers, to Australia's peak farm body.

WoolProducers also works closely with the Federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources on key issues such as animal health and welfare, biosecurity, pest management control, natural resource management, drought preparedness, emergency animal disease outbreak preparedness and industry development, including research and trade.